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further modified so that railway could allot bookstalls to any other eligible categories at new platforms constructed after, 1.1.1976 even at those railway stations where M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co. have sole selling rights. This is in conformity with the provisions of article 19(1) (G) of the Constitution of India.

Railway Development Corporation

2915. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any Corporation called 'Railway Development Corporation', under which the slums near railway lines were planned to be removed and the people living there, were to be rehabilitated;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) in which year the said Corporation was constituted; and

(d) the number of persons allotted houses, free of cost under the rehabilitation scheme after displacement since the constitution of the said Corporation, giving the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Track Conversion in Tamil Nadu

2916. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of track remaining in Tamil Nadu to be converted into BG, sector wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to convert these tracks;

(c) when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Approximately 1960 km of track in Tamil Nadu is yet to be converted into BG. Details are as follows.